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REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005. Claims 40-95 are pending in the application. Claims 40, 41, 44-50, 53-64, 66-73, 75-80, 83-88 and 92-95 were rejected under the art of record, U.S. Pat. No. 5,620,479 to Diederich. Claims 42, 43, 51, 52, 65, 74, 81, 82 and 89-91 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicant cancelled claim 42 and amended claim 40 to include the subject matter from dependent claim 42. The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 42 was allowable if rewritten in independent form; therefore, the subject matter of amended claim 40 should also be allowable. In addition, claims 41, 43-56, which depend from now allowable claim 40 should also be allowable.

Applicant further cancelled claims 65 and 63 and added the subject matter to independent claim 57. The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 57 should now be allowable. In addition, claims 58-62, and 64-78 should also be allowable.

Applicant further cancelled claim 81 and incorporated the subject matter into independent claim 79. The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 81 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 79 should now be allowable. In addition, claims 80, 82-88, and 92-95 should also be allowable.

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The Examiner indicated that claim 89 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and was amended to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. It is believed with the amendment to claim 89, claims 89-91 are allowable.

OTHER MATTERS


Applicant has enclosed a Change of Correspondence Address and Revocation of Prior Powers that was filed with the Office on April 8, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that all future correspondence be forwarded to the attorneys of record in accordance with the above-referenced correspondence.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment and Response addresses all of the Examiner's objections and places the Application in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a teleconference with the Examiner would expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call its attorney, Barbara A. Wrigley at the telephone number referenced below. The present response is being filed within the three-month statutory period for response and no fee or petition for an extension is due. If, however, it is believed that any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference No. 22163-3001).

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